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Committee Bill No. 5293

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT EXTENDING THE "CARE 4 KIDS" PROGRAM TO FAMILIES
WITH A PARENT WHO IS ACTIVELY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish and operate
5 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability
6 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker
7 who is working, actively seeking employment, attending high school
8 or who receives cash assistance under the temporary family assistance
9 program from the Department of Social Services and is participating in
10 an approved education, training, or other job preparation activity.
11 Services available under the child care program shall include the
12 provision of child care subsidies for children under the age of thirteen
13 or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The
14 department shall open and maintain enrollment for the child care
15 subsidy program and shall administer such program within the
16 existing budgetary resources available. The department shall issue a

17 notice on the department's Internet web site and shall provide written
18 notice to recipients of program benefits and to service providers any
19 time the department closes the program to new applications, changes
20 eligibility requirements or changes program benefits, provided the
21 department shall not be required to issue such notice when the
22 department expands program eligibility. Any change in the
23 department's acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements
24 or program benefits for which the department is required to give
25 notice pursuant to this subsection, shall not be effective until thirty
26 days after the department issues such notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2011	17b-749(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To extend the "Care 4 Kids" child care subsidy program to assist parents who are actively seeking employment.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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